Dormansland Primary School

An ‘At-a-Glance’ guide to school and PTA events this term

Spring Term 2017
For Years 5 & 6 this term.
Run by the team at Alive ‘n’ Kicking based in Woking. The team will be working with the school on a healthy lifestyle programme which will encourage the children to learn about healthy eating and take part in regular activity sessions.
Full details have already been sent out via book bags, but further information can be found on the ANK website: www.ank.com.
These sessions will take place each Monday until the end of March.

PTA Meeting: Tuesday 10th January, 7.30pm

The first meeting of the year, lasting an hour and a half.
Anyone with a child at Dormansland can attend the PTA Meetings and will be most welcome.
Meetings are usually in the staff room, with access via the staff car park doors.
There is an opportunity to be involved in fundraising ideas and decisions on how to spend any monies already raised.
This particular meeting will involve preparations for the Easter Walk, School Summer Fair and Carnival Float.

Wind in the Willows Production: Tuesday 10th January

A post Christmas treat
Whole school theatre show in the main hall, after lunch.
Provided by an outside company called the Flying Pizza Theatre.
The aim of the production is to inspire, entertain, educate and motivate children to read more classic literature for themselves and to develop a passion for live theatre.
**Road Safety Magic Show: Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} January**

- For Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3 only
- An interactive children's show on Road Safety.
- Taking place in the main school hall, after lunch.

**Parent Forum: Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} February**

- Starts at 9.15am at the Royal Oak Public House.
- Takes place every eight to twelve weeks.
- Chaired by Mrs Stokes or one of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Attended by the Class Reps and alternating members of the governing body.
- If parents would like to raise anything via the Parent Forum, please contact your class rep.
- Minutes from each meeting can be found on the school website or a hard copy inside the reception area of school on the left handside.

**Science Week: Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} February – all week**

- This is a week long event.
- Mrs Miller will be back to open Science Week with an exciting school assembly.
- Each class will be working on individual science based projects and details will be given on the class page nearer the time.
- We will be incorporating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7\textsuperscript{th} February with a ‘No Tech from Break(fast)’ day by excluding all forms of technology in our teaching.
- Please join us for a whole school exhibition on Friday 10\textsuperscript{th} February between 2.45 and 3.15pm.

**PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale: Friday 10\textsuperscript{th} February**

- A large selection of second hand uniform will be available to purchase from the hall after school.
**Premier Sports: 13th, 14th, 16th & 17th February**

- Half term club, run by Premier Sports.
- Please note this will not run on Wednesday 15th February.
- 9am to 3.30pm, ages 5 to 12.
- £12.95 per day with 15% early bird deduction if booking two weeks ahead.
- To book please visit: https://sport.premier-education.com/children-families/search/venue/dormansland-primary-school/id/11065

**Open Day Coffee Morning: Thursday 23rd February**

- An open invitation to members of the local community to come and see the school, meet the children and see plans for our new garden.
- Details will be published in the Village Voice and via the Parish Facebook Page.
- 10am to 11.30am with refreshments.

**PTA Movie Night: Friday 24th February 2017**

- Reception and KS1: 4:30-6:00pm
  - **Film: The Secret Life of Pets (U)**
- KS2: 6:30 – 8:30pm
  - **Film: Swallows & Amazons (PG)**
- Both films will be shown in the main school hall.
- £3.50 entrance fee for film alone or £4.50 to include a ‘snack’ bag with drink.
- Children can bring along their pillow or cushion for a cosy movie experience
- This event will be well supervised by members of the PTA and school staff.
- The school gates will be open at both entrances. However, the building itself will only be accessed from the car park entrance.
- At the end of each film, the children will be brought to the Year 6 classroom, where they can be matched up with their appropriate adult before being allowed to leave. Please be patient with us, as this can be quite a lengthy process, but we need to ensure that they are all safely returned to their families.
- We will not allow any child to walk home alone after the movie night so please make provision to have them collected.
- The money raised from this event will go towards Mrs Wood’s charity walk along the Sahara Desert this coming Autumn.
PTA Special Someone Surprise: Friday 24th February

- The PTA will be organising a special treat for children to purchase for their special someone for Sunday 26th March – Mothering Sunday. Please look out for further details and order in advance during this week.
- There will be one golden ticket with an extra-special treat hidden in one!
- Pupils can collect their pre-ordered treat from the outdoor classroom in the week running up to 26th March, where there will be somebody to help write a special message, if needed.

Charity Marketplace: Thursday 2nd March

- 3:15 – 4:00pm in the school playground (or Year 6 classroom, if rainy)
- This is an opportunity for those children who want to raise funds for a charity of their choice.
- Each group of children will be allocated a table from which they can sell their wares and publicise their chosen charity.
- The children are responsible for designing or obtaining appropriate posters, flyers, etc. and for producing the goods to sell, eg. cakes, bookmarks, etc.
- A parent of one child in the group must let the school know that they will be responsible for ensuring that the funds reach their charitable destination.
- The school will make a note of the total funds raised by each group and report this to all parents, once a term, as part of our on-going fundraising news.
- Children will need to have signed up with their class teacher to participate in this event by the end of this half term.

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March

- Whole school event.
- More details nearer the time, but please could children come into school dressed as their favourite book character.
We are changing the timing of our reports home to parents this year, as are many schools.
The centre offers a huge range of activities, many of them water based, such as dragon boating, raft building and kayaking. A visit to Herstmonceux Science Centre is included.
The trip is accompanied by the Year 6 teacher and 2 other members of staff.
There will be a parent meeting before the trip giving further full details and an opportunity to ask any questions.

**Year 6 Residential Trip, Windmill Hill: Monday 6th to Friday 10th March**

- A residential visit to Windmill Hill in Sussex.
- The centre offers a huge range of activities, many of them water based, such as dragon boating, raft building and kayaking. A visit to Herstmonceux Science Centre is included.
- The trip is accompanied by the Year 6 teacher and 2 other members of staff.
- There will be a parent meeting before the trip giving further full details and an opportunity to ask any questions.

**Perform Workshops: Tuesday 14th March**

- For Reception and KS1 children.
- ‘Perform’ workshops on the theme of Fairy Tales and Fables.
- In the school hall, after lunch.

**Annual Reports: Friday 17th March**

- We are changing the timing of our reports home to parents this year, as are many schools.
- Your child will have a more detailed report sent home at the end of the spring term, to enable the current class teacher to work with you at home on tackling some of the targets set in the report.
- There will be a slip for you to sign and return to the school office, to say that you have received a hard copy of your child's report.
PTA Easter Walk: Sunday 19th March

- A very popular annual PTA Event involving the whole family.
- Everyone meets in the school playground after lunch, where an Easter trail begins and details are given of the course, which takes in part of the village and outskirts of the golf course. Children are encouraged to collect clues and bring them back to the school, where a prize is given for each completed entry.
- There is usually a raffle and refreshments in the playground afterwards.
- There is an entry fee per family.

Comic Relief: Friday 24th March

- Once again, we will be supporting Comic Relief and Red Nose Day.
- There will be a special assembly in the morning.
- Please send your child into school dressed with an element of red! Feel free to interpret this theme in any way you wish; head to foot in red, a splash of colour or just a nose, which will be available to purchase during the week. The usual advice about appropriate footwear will still apply.
- If your child does not want to dress up, that is absolutely fine. Please still bring in a contribution of £1.
We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 to be brought into school on the morning of Friday 24th March. You can, of course, donate more if you wish!

Parent Consultation Evenings: Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March

- When you receive your child's annual report, there will be an accompanying letter, asking you to book an appointment to meet with your class teacher to discuss the targets and possible ways in which you can support these at home. This is a key part of our work with you, especially at this time of the year, when your child is really making progress in school, and we expect all parents to attend.
- The school operates an online booking system, which will be explained to you in the covering letter that you receive beforehand. Please speak to a member of the school office team if you require further assistance with booking your appointment.
- Teachers are also able to book a more convenient appointment time for you, should either of the evenings be difficult to attend.
PTA Discos: Thursday 30th March

- Reception and KS1: 5.00-5.45pm
- KS2: 6.00-7.00pm
- This event is well supervised by members of the PTA and school staff.
- The school gates will be open at both entrances. However, the building itself can only be accessed from the car park entrance.
- Parents are welcome to park in the school playground, which will be opened up for this event.
- The children come to the main door where they will be charged a £2.00 entry fee. This covers limitless dancing, all the squash they can drink and some light snacks. There will be vegetable crudités – please encourage your child to have at least two of these as well as their sugary biscuits 😊
- If parents choose to stay and wait during this event, rather than going home, we are happy for them to come into Year 6 via the classroom door from the car park, where they can sit and wait for the disco to finish. We do not encourage the children to run in and out of this room to see their parents during the disco.
- We will never leave a child in distress, as sometimes the disco lights and sounds can be overwhelming. If we know parents are waiting, we will come and get you. If not, we will always call for you to come and collect your child a little bit early.
- At the end of each disco, the children are brought to the Year 6 classroom, where they are matched up with their appropriate adult before being allowed to leave. Please be patient with us, as this can be quite a lengthy process, but we need to ensure that they are all safely returned to their families.
- We will not allow any child to walk home alone after the disco so please make provision to have them collected.
- If it is not raining, we would prefer that the children do not bring coats, as these can be quite tricky to match up with their owners at the end of the evening.

Easter Service & PTA Egg Hunt & Hats: Friday 31st March

- Easter Service starts at 9.15 at St Johns Church, High Street
- Followed by refreshments back at school in the playground with the annual PTA Easter Egg Hunt.
- This year children are encouraged to wear their own ‘Easter Hat’ during the hunt.
**Class Assemblies and Open Mornings:**
Topaz(Y2) - 10th February & Diamond(Y5) - 24th March

- Every class has an opportunity to share some of the learning they have been doing with their family and friends throughout the school year.
- Assemblies are always held at 9:15am in the main school hall and should last no more than 20 minutes.
- Don’t forget there will be a chance to join the children after their assembly in their classroom for an open morning, so that you can look at their books with them.
- The class teacher will be available during this session for an informal chat.
- The dates for each class assembly will be advertised on the school website calendar and a reminder will be sent out to you via the class webpage one week before.

**Dormansland in the Woods:** weekly on Wednesdays

- Our outdoor learning enrichment programme.
- The day starts at 9.30am at Ashdown Forest Centre with collection at 2.30pm.
- Children are accompanied by their class teacher, a teaching assistant and parent helpers.
- Whilst transportation begins from school and after registration, if details are given to the school office in advance, children may be taken directly to the centre.
- Children are not required to return directly to school at the end of the day if accompanied by their parent.
- This is an all day outdoor event and requires suitable waterproof clothing. Layers are recommended. A plastic bag is required to sit on for lunch and wellies are not advisable because feet will get cold over the course of the day.
- Full and further details can be found on the school website with individual dates for each class on the website calendar.

**Inter school sports events: starting 12th January**

- Letters will be sent out in advance.
- Usually starting at 4pm.
- Parents are required to co-ordinate transport themselves.
- Thursday 19th January – Y5&6 Football at Oxted School.
- Monday 30th January – Y3 & 4 Dodgeball at Oxted School.
- Monday 6th February – Y5 & 6 Dodgeball at Oxted.
- Thursday 23rd February – Y3 & 4 Netball at St Stephens.
- Thursday 2nd March – Y5&6 Netball at St Stephens.
- Monday 13th March – Y3&4 Tag Rugby at Nutfield.
Card Swap Monday: starting 23rd January

- Every Monday.
- Card trading event (Match Attack/Pokemon).
- After school in Ruby (Reception) class.
- Children must be supervised by their parents.
- Trading will finish at 3.30pm.

Welly Wednesdays: starting 18th January

- Return of our Welly Wednesdays.
- Unless it is unsafe to do so, children with welly boots will be allowed to go on the playing fields during lunchtime break.
- Please ensure that your child has labelled wellies. These can be stored on our welly boot holders outside Year 3.

Loom Band Fridays: starting 20th January

- Return of our Loom Band Fridays.
- The children are invited to bring in their loom band collections to work on outside in the playground or during wet play inside.
- Please ensure that your child has labelled their boxes/containers.
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